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# DAHLIAS for 1944

-Grown by-

MILLER DAHLIA FARMS . R. C. Miller, Prop.

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# Quality and Cost

The larger proportion of this year's catalog is being mailed to customers of recent years, many of whom have grown Miller Dahlia Farms Dahlias for over ten years. Representing every section of this country, they have proved to their satisfaction that our claim of "The Highest Quality Dahlia Roots Obtainable" is fully borne out by the results they obtain. And although the difficulty of obtaining help, and the demands for time and field admiculty of obtaining help, and the demands for time and held space for Victory Garden vegetables have made necessary a reduction in quantity of Dahlias grown, there will be no change in the quality of the roots offered this year. A splendid growing season, only ending December 5, has produced a splendid crop of highest quality roots. An inspection of the prices for these will show that the country wide scarcity of good Dahlia stock for the coming season is not reflected by increases in cost to you,

#### REGARDING DATE OF SHIPMENT

ALL ORDERS are either shipped the day following receipt here, or notice sent to the customer by return mail. Full cultural directions are enclosed with each shipment of roots, and any questions regarding Dahlias or their culture will, as always, receive immediate attention, and early reply.

Roots may be ordered at any time and will be shipped at any date desired by the customer. However, it is advisable to have them sent not too long before the time for planting, as no Dahlia grower can be responsible for any loss which may occur on account of spoiling or drying out of roots which are in the customers' hands for a month or so before planting. And where toniers hands for a holith of so before planning. And where early orders are used for forcing for the purpose of making cuttings to plant, there is no guarantee against rotting of the roots in this process. In sections where the spring is backward and the ground is still cold and wet in May, it is advised to keep the roots in the peat moss in which they are packed, and they will sprout nicely with hardly any attention, so when the ground is warmed up the new plant will have a better start than if it had been put in the ground earlier. Parcel post charges are all paid by me, and express charges on large shipments, but where small orders are wanted sent during weather when freezing might occur in transit, the shipment will be made express, charges collect.

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Abbreviations following the name of the Dahlia refer to the various types as follows:

F.D.=Formal Decorative

St. Cac.=Straight Cactus Min.=Miniature (less than 4

S.C.=Semi-Cactus I.D.=Informal Decorative

inches in diameter)

The size of the average bloom is indicated by the figures following the abbreviation, thus-Adorable, I.D. 8x4-41/2 shows this variety is an Informal Decorative type, with blooms 8 inches in diameter and 4 inches deep, with about a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -foot high plant as grown here. The length of stems is measured from the base of the bloom to the first leaf or bud below it.

THE PRICES AND OFFERINGS in this catalog cancel all previous prices and listings. There is no stock available not listed herein. \*

MILLER DAHLIA FARMS

SEATTLE, 88



Azura

#### VARIETIES OFFERED and RECOMMENDED

Roots only are offered, and orders are accepted subject prior sale of stock on hand at time the order is received, roots being set aside for immediate shipment or for future delivery as the customer wishes. The prices following the varieties include ordinary Parcel Post charges. In parentheses following the variety name is given the name of the introducer or originator and the year first sold.

ADIRONDACK SUNSET, I.D. (Parkway, 1935), 8x5½—4'. 9" strong straight stems. Blooms facing. Very bright light red with golden base and reverse, giving a shading to the entire bloom. Heavy pointed florets. Full bloom. 256

ADORABLE, I.D. (Angell, 1935), 8x4—4½'. 11" stiff stems. Blooms facing above the foliage. Pinard yellow, with inner florets flesh pink. Profuse and a good keeper. A D.S. Cert...

AIKO, S.C., (Dahliadel 1932), 9½x5—4'. 10" straight heavy stems. Cardinal or deep carmine, with a silvery reverse showing at the tips of the florets and at the full high center...

ANDREA ERICSON, I.D. (F. & M., 1931), 9½x4—4'. 14" strong straight stems. Perfectly facing above the foliage. White with a creamy full center.

ANGELO ROSSI, I.D. (Redfern, 1935), 9x5—5'. 16" stiff, straight stems. Blooms all facing. Brilliant golden orange, 25

Extremely full bloom, but not at all a clumsy type... 450

AZURA, I.D. (Ballay, 1936), 11x5—5'. 16" extra heavy straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing. A glowing shade of deep lilac. Long heavy florets, nicely curled. Thick leathery foliage 500



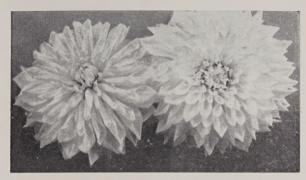
Angelo Rossi 



### Bright Embers

BAGDAD, I.D., (Redfern 1939) 9½x4—5′. 10″ heavy straight stems. Blooms mostly facing, and well above the foliage.  Vivid scarlet	9 e
BLUE RIVER, F.D. (Salem D. G., 1935), 9x3—4½'. 10" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Bluish mauve, about as close to blue as any Dahlia can come. Long heavy florets in full bloom	00
BOB PLEUSSE, I.D., (Superior D.G. 1925), 7x3—4½'. 14" stiff erect stems. Blooms facing. Velvety red, shading to deep maroon, usually white tipped. Profuse	De
BRIGHT EMBERS, I.D. (Miller D. Farms, 1941), 8x4—4'. 12" straight strong stems. Blooms facing. Rose scarlet, with bright gold shadings at the base of the florets, giving the effect suggesting the name. Excellent substance therefore a splendid keeping flower when cut. Very profuse	
CALIFORNIA IDOL, I.D. (Ballay, 1935), 9x5—4½'. 15" strong straight stems. Blooms mostly facing. Clear yellow. Perhaps the most refined of the few really great yellow Dahlias. 14" to 15" blooms of this readily grown	0 c
CHARLES L. MASTICK, F.D. (Tyler, 1937), 9x5—4'. 12" straight strong stems. Bright orange with pink reverse. Full bloom, excellent cut flower	o e
CLARA CARDER, I.D. (Kemp. 1935), 10x5—3'. 10" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Glowing cyclamen pink, deepening at center. Broad florets uniformly curled	Se
CORNELIA B. PINCHOT, I.D., (Veile 1935), 10x5—5', 12" stiff stems. Blooms facing, Glowing Burgundy red, and a full bloom with long curled florets	0 c
DAD SMITH, F.D., (Smith 1936), 6x4—4'. 8" wiry straight stems with blooms facing. Bi-color, bright yellow and scarlet	
DAILY MAIL, I.D. (from England, 1930), 9½x4—3½.', 8" stiff straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Yellow, shading to orange at the center, the effect being a rich golden orange. Rather narrow pointed florets, curled at the tips. Full bloom35	i d
DAISY TURNQUIST, I.D., (Hulin 1935), 7x4—4'. 10" stiff stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Attractive salmon pink. Florets twist to points at ends, in a full bloom. Splendid cut flower	

variety



The Commodore

California Idol

DARCY SAINSBURY, F.D. (from Australia, 1937), 9x5—4'. 14" strong, straight stems. Blooms facing well above the foliage. Creamy white. Long, heavy florets of good substance, good keeper. Still about the best large white......50¢

EDNA FERBER, S.C., (F. & M. 1932), 9½x5-4′. 12″ strong straight stems. Coral, shaded old gold with bright yellow at the base of florets. Full bloom.......30¢

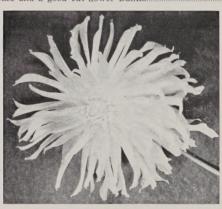


Darcy Sainsbury



Golden Plume

FOREST FIRE, I.D. (Dahliadel, 1935), 9x5—3½'. 6" stiff stems. Blooms facing and sky-ward. Lemon yellow, shading from base to rich scarlet towards the tips. Leathery foliage. Profuse bloomer on a bushy plant and very showy25.	¢
FRANCESCA, I.D., 7x4—5'. 12" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Blended violet rose and old gold	e
FRANZ BERGER, St. Cact. (from Europe, 1935), 8x4—5'. 12" wiry straight stems. Brick red. Good keeper	¢
FRECKLES, I.D., (Kemp 1936), 10x4½—4'. 14" strong straight stems. Lemon yellow, spotted and striped peach red. One of the most striking of the popular bi-colors	ic
GOLDEN PLUME, S.C. (Miller D. Farms, 1937), 10x4-3'.  12" stiff stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Clear light yellow. Profuse	é
GOLDEN STANDARD, St. Cact. (Downs, 1935), 9x6—5'. 15" wiry straight stems. Blooms facing above the foliage. Gold, with amber buff center. Profuse	ė
GREATER GLORY, S.C. (Salem, 1937), $10x5-5\frac{1}{2}$ '. 12" wiry straight stems. Blooms facing well over the foliage. Rose pink shading to light yellow at center. Florets well rolled, making it nearly a straight cactus type	
HEATH SPENCER, S.C., (from England 1934), 9x4—5′. 10″ wiry stiff stems. Blooms well facing. Lemon yellow. Very profuse and a good cut flower Dahlia	





Kentucky Sun

HILLCREST MANDARIN, I.D. (Scott, 1932), 10x41/2-311/21. 911
straight strong stems. Blooms facing. Oriental scarlet with
bright yellow reverse. Folded florets in a full bloom. Attractive light foliage
HUNT'S VELVET WONDER, I.D. (Hunt. 1935), 10x6—4'. 10"
stiff straight stems. Blooms facing and sky-ward. Rosy
magenta shading to true purple. Heavy florets, full bloom,
but needs disbudding and especially picking out the first
bud to avoid crotch bloom. Early and a good keeper25¢
IROQUOIS SUNBEAM, I.D., (Toth 1934), 8x4—5'. 10" stiff
straight stems. Blooms perfectly erect and facing. Orange
buff, suffused coral. Dark stem and foliage. Profuse, and
an attractive cut flower variety. A.D.S. Cert
JANE COWL, I.D. (Downs, 1926), 91/x5-5', 8" heavy erect
stems. Blooms facing and partly sky-ward. Warm buff
and old gold, deep apricot shadings and center. Full bloom,
heavy foliage, and a universal favorite15¢
JEAN HANN, F.D. (From Australia, 1935), 9x5-3½'. 12" stiff
straight stems. Blooms facing. Bright golden orange. Full
bloom, very profuse and good keeper25¢
JEAN TRIMBEE, S.C., (from Canada 1929), 10x5-5'. 10"
straight stems. Blooms facing. Rich petunia violet with
dusky deep purple shading. Heavy folded florets which
fold back to the stem, making a massive bloom. Early and
good keeper35¢
JERSEY'S BEAUTY, F.D., (Waite 1926), 7x4-5'. 14" strong
straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Eosine pink, a
beautiful cut flower shade and form. Excellent keeper20¢
JERSEYS DAINTY, S.C. (Waite, 1934), 71/2 x4 41/2'. 10" wiry
straight stems. Blooms facing above the attractive foliage. Pure white, some early blooms slightly suffused lavender.
Good cut flower, and early 5000ms snightly surfused lavender.
JERSEY'S WHITE BEAUTY, F.D., (Waite 1936), 7x4—5'. 12"
straight wiry stems. Blooms all facing. White, the same type
and habits of the pink Jersey's Beauty35e
JUANITA MONACHO, S.C., 9x4—5'. 12" straight wiry stems.
Dark red. Blooms facing. Long florets, a good cut flower20c
duces quantities of splendid keeping blooms
KATHLEEN NORRIS, I.D. (F. & M., 1929), 10x5-4'. 14" heavy
stems. Blooms usually facing. Bright rose pink with lighter
shadings on older blooms. Massive blooms and rather pro-
fuse



#### Mrs. Ella Worthen

The End of Other
LE MOYNE STRATTON, F.D., (Miller Dahlia Farms 1941), 8x5-4'. 8" strong stiff stems. Blooms facing. A soft shade of light apricot, or champagne, deeper center. Very full bloom with florets of excellent substance. Good keeper,
profuse50¢
MARSHALL'S PINK, F.D. (Eastern, 1937), 7x4-5'. 15"
straight wiry stems. Pure pink, a little lighter than Jer-
sey's Beauty, and by some preferred to it as a cut flower20¢
MIDSUMMER SUN, F.D. (Miller D. Farms. 1937), 9x4—3'. 14"
stiff strong stems. Blooms facing. Bright rich yellow20¢
MISS OAKLAND, F.D., (Sjoberg 1937), 3x4—4'. 15" strong
wiry stems. Blooms facing. Full blcom, good keeper.
A.D.S. Cert
M. KOL, I.D., 7x4—3'. 10" wiry stems. Blooms facing. Bright
orange shaded light yellow, with each floret tipped white.
Early and profuse. Does well everywhere
MRS. E. BRADLEY, Inc. Cact., 7x3-3½'. 9" wiry stiff stems.
Blooms perfectly facing. White. Narrow florets of good
substance. Light foliage. Profuse and very early to bloom40
MRS. ELLA WORTHEN, S.C. (Garrity, 1933), 10x4—5½'. 15"
stiff straight stems. Blooms facing. Salmon pink with yel-
low shadings. Long graceful florets, with unusual high
centers. A little late, but its large beautiful blooms excite
universal admiration for its grace and color shading



Midsummer Sun



Mrs. George le Boutellier

- MUNCHAUSSEN, F.D., 7x4—4′. 8″ wiry stems. Blooms facing. Bi-color, light red tipped more or less with white. An unusually early and profuse bloomer......
- OAKLEIGH MONARCH, I.D. (Oakleigh, 1936), 9x6—3½', 10" heavy straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing and uniform in size and form. Brilliant clear carmine red. The florets are wide and heavy making a full bloom. Cert. of Merit.....30c

#### SPECIAL END-OF-SEASON ASSORTMENT



Oakleigh Monarch

"The Highest Quality Dahlia Roots Obtainable"

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Peach Blush

- OPALESCENT, I.D. (Miller D. F., 1940), 10x7—6'. 15" straight stems. Blooms sky-ward and partly facing. Chrome yellow shading to pinard yellow, flesh color and carrot red on outer florets, reverse streaked Alarizine pink, old rose and pinard yellow. Remarkable keeper when cut. Profuse...........69¢



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Palo Alto

- PRINCE OF PERSIA, I.D. (Newsom, 1931), 91/2 x6-4' 10" wiry stems. Blooms facing. Beautiful lively shade of bright red which stands the hottest sun without fading or burning. Graceful heavy florets, and a high center, one of the most eye-filling giants in the red class ..... .....15e
- PURPLE MIST, F.D.. (Ruschmohr 1937), 8x4—5', 14" stiff strong stems. Blooms facing. Reddish purple, or violet carmine. Full bloom and splendid keeper. A.D.S. Cert......60¢
- PRUDENCE PENNY, I.D., 6x4-5'. 10" stiff wiry stems, Blooms perfectly facing. Blended old gold and apricot. Formation and color make it about a perfect miniature Jane Cowl, very effective in bouquets.....
- QUEEN CITY, F.D., (Golden Rule 1936), 7x4-5'. 15" stiff stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Soft scarlet pink, a new and charming shade for cut flower use. Early, profuse and long keeping
- RED GUARD, I.D. (Miller Dahlia Farms, 1941), 10x5—5', 14" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Bright red. Heavy florets in a rather massive looking bloom.....
- REGENT, Inc. Cact., 8x4—5'. 10" wiry stiff stems. Blooms facing. Heliotrope pink, with touches of bright gold at base of florets. One of the earliest bloomers, and very profuse. Good keeper .....

#### ARE FLOWERS NON-ESSENTIAL?

There is a section of our Pike Place Public Market where in season, growers of flowers arrange their blooms for display and sale. Here one may buy a modest bouquet for a few cents, or an elaborate arrangement for a comparatively low cost.

A customer, at one of the Dahlia stands one afternoon last summer, is perhaps typical of many. She was plainly dressed and small, about all you noticed as she looked over the vases of blooms on the table. Selecting a bouquet of the largest ones, she confided, "This is my birthday present and my boy in the Army sent me money for it." As she proudly bore her flowers away, it was evident to those seeing her radiant expression that it would be hard for any economic planning commission or efficiency expert to convince her that flowers should be considered nonessential.

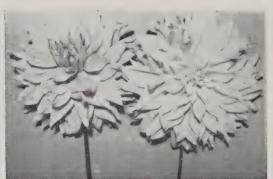
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Satan

- RENATE MULLER, Inc. Cact., (from Europe), 7x4—4'. 8" wiry stems. Blooms facing. Light orchid pink with light yellow floret base, and a tracing of orchid edging each floret
- **SAGAMORE BEAUTY,** F.D., (Shattuck 1929), 7x3—3'. 10" stiff wiry stems. Blooms facing. Rich true pink, with cream center. Early and profuse, and can hardly be equalled for cut flowers

- sonny Jim Rolfe, I.D. (B. Bostom, 1933), 9½x4—5′. 10″ straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Apricot and old gold. somewhat similar to Jane Cowl, with more blooms perfectly facing. 25.6



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Adorable



Sophisticate

- SULTAN OF HILLCREST, F.D., (Scott 1933), 9½x5—3'. 12" heavy straight stems. Blooms facing. Yellow with faint touches of rose, and rose reverse. Full bloom and a good keeper. A.D.S. Cert. 35c

- VALENTINO, F.D., (Boston 1928), 8x4—4½'. 12" strong straight stems. Blooms facing. True salmon pink, shaded cream towards base of florets. Good keeper.................................206
- WHITE ABUNDANCE, I.D. (from Europe, 1934), 9x5—5'. 12" straight strong stems. Blooms facing above the foliage. waxy white. Most useful in cut flower work.......306
- W. H. T., F.D. (McCarroll, 1930), 7½x4—6'. 10" strong stems. Blooms well above the foliage, but not quite facing. Begonia rose, with mauve reverse. Back florets fold back to the stem. 15c

**DISCOUNTS**—It has been found there is some saving in overhead expense and labor when large orders are sent out, and this saving is returned to the customer as follows:

ORDERS	amounting	to	over	\$20.0020%	discount
ORDERS	amounting	to	over	\$10.0015%	discount
ORDERS	amounting	to	over	\$3.0010%	discount

The discount to which your order entitles you may be deducted in sending in the remittance with your order, or will be supplied by me in the form of extra roots of my selection, in which case 'usually somewhat better value is given than the exact amount as listed.

Make checks and money orders payable to MILLER DAHLIA FARMS. Cash, stamps and currency accepted only at sender's risk.

C. O. D. ORDERS—No C.O.D. orders accepted without a deposit of at least 25% of the amount of the order. Collection charges will be added to the amount to be collected by the postman.



#### POMPON and MINIATURE DAHLIAS

Noting an increased interest in the smaller Dahlia varieties it was decided to enlarge the listing in this catalog of these types. Careful selection has resulted in a wide assortment of colors and it is felt every Dahlia grower will be well repaid with the results of a planting of some of these useful little Dahlias.

#### MINIATURE DAHLIAS

BUTTERFLY, Min. F.D., Creamy white with a suffusion of pink and lemon yellow	BABY JERSEY, Min. F.D., Deep rose pink, dark foliage, fall200
pink and lemon yellow	BABY ROYAL, Min. S.C. or Peony, Salmon pink150
florets, each daintily notched at end. Good stems, tall, and a florist's favorite	
Golden floret base	
FAIRY, Min. I.D., Salmon pink, florets attractively curled	COTTAGE MAID, Min. F.D., Light rose pink, deeper center. Golden floret base20 $_{\rm C}$
FOX HOUND, Min, Single, or Duplex, brick red, each floret striped white. Some solid red blooms	EMILY, Min. F.D., Light lavender. Large and profuse206
striped white. Some solid red blooms	$FAIRY, \ \text{Min. I.D., Salmon pink, florets attractively curled} 20 e$
LITTLE PAL, Min. F.D., Small orange and white, good stems, low bush	
low bush	$ \textbf{LITTLE JEWELL}, \ \text{Min. I.D., Light pink, very dainty} 20 e$
PERSIMMON, Min. F.D., Bright orange red. Full bloom	
RED PEARL, Min. Peony, Light red, tall	McKAY's PURITY, Min. F.D., Pure white, tall bush256
SERENE. Min. F.D., Light orange red. Good stems. Early and profuse20e  VIVIAN CARKEEK, Min. Single, Bi-color, Bright scarlet and	PERSIMMON, Min. F.D., Bright orange red. Full bloom20¢
profuse	RED PEARL, Min. Peony, Light red, tall
	VIVIAN CARKEEK, Min. Single, Bi-color, Bright scarlet and white

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MILLER DAHLIA FARMS SEATTLE, 88

ALLEN H., Light pink, flushed cream.

AMBER QUEEN, Light orange, or amber.

BABY, White, tipped deep lavender.

BARBARA, Light lavender pink with white center. Very regular, with dark foliage. Tall bush.

CARROT TOP, Large reddish orange.

CELESTIA, White, a new one with stems up to 16 inches. Very full and profuse.

CHICKIE, Old rose. Very small, tall bush.

CLARICE, Deep lilac.

CLEO, Orange, shading deeper at tips.

CORNELIA, Large white, faintly flushed pink.

DAINTY MISS, White, faintly tipped and shaded lavender.

ELISE, Small golden amber.

ELIZABETH, Lemon yellow, heavily tipped carmine.

ELVINA, Scarlet and orange, more or less variegated.

EUREKA, Light orange, tipped scarlet, some white florets.

FIFI, Large white with light lavender tips.

GOLDIE, Bright yellow, large.

HAZEL DELL, Clear pink, edged cerise.

HELEN ANITA, Lilac with white central florets.

IROQUOIS HENRY, Deep lilac, white floret base.

JOE FETTE, White.

JOSEPHINE, Purple, low bush.

LASSIE, Deep carmine rose, cream base.

LETA, Large bright red.

LIBBIE ROHR, Small deep purple, tall bush.

LITTLE BEAUTY, Large pale pink.

LITTLE DAVID, Russet orange, nearly red.

LOLITA, Bright flame scarlet.

LORRE, Bright red. Florets are double rolled.

LURLINE, White, with faint touches of pink.

MARIANNE, Cream, tipped deep lavender.

MARY MUNNS, Pure light purple.

MIMI, Very small carmine red, occasional white floret.

MINNIE MELLS, Lavender, deeper shaded center.

PEGGY ANN, Yellow, shaded brownish red. Tall.

RED PAPOOSE, Deep red.

SAN TOY, White, heavily tipped carmine.

SPECKLES, Deep.red and white, variegated.

SYLVIA MORGAN, Light pink, large.

TANAGER, Rich scarlet. Large, low bush.

TOTO, Large, deep maroon.

VANIRA, Bright pale yellow, lightly tipped carmine.

YELLOW GEM, Canary yellow.

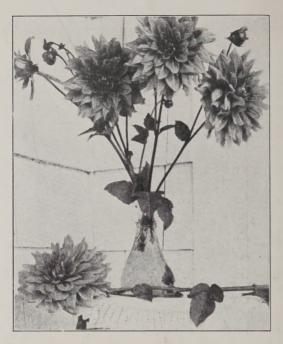
#### SPECIAL POMPON ASSORTMENT

#### DAHLIA SEEDS

Seeds planted as directed on the packets will produce blooms the same season as planted. While no guarantee as to the results can be given, these seeds are the same as have produced many new and outstanding dahlias for customers, and for the Miller Dahlia Farms.

Large Dahlia Seeds per packet of over 25 seeds......25c

Pompon or Miniature Dahlia Seeds per packet of over 50 seeds. 25



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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ORDERS

All orders are either shipped or acknowledged by return mail.

Full cultural directions for planting, cultivating and fertilizing the Dahlias are enclosed with each shipment. Also how to take care of the roots over winter. Any points not covered in these instructions will be gladly furnished on request.

GUARANTEE—All roots sent out are guaranteed to be sound, healthy, true to name and to have at least one live eye or sprout. Any root found unsatisfactory must be returned within three weeks of its receipt by the customer, for replacement or refund of the purchase price. Should a Dahlia prove untrue to name, it will be replaced the following season. No further obligation than the amount paid for the root is assumed by the Miller Dahlia Farms under this guarantee.

SUBSTITUTIONS—Stock of some varieties may not be equal to the demand, and to save time and correspondence or the necessity of a refund, it is suggested the customer allow the privilege of substituting similar varieties when necessary, especially in later orders. Extra value is always given in such cases.

IDENTIFICATION OF ROOTS—Stamped indelibly on each root is its name. This is done at the time of dividing the clumps so that there is very little possibility of a root being mislabeled.

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